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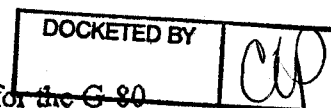
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We, the undersigned protest the pass through increase of gas cost for the G-80 agricultural rate. Arizona farmers cannot pass on their increased production cost to the consumer.

We must compete with foreign countries that have lower input cost. We cannot pass on our increased fuel, fertilizer, labor, etc. We must accept world market prices.

A gas cost increase from the current .3956 to .6558 represents a 60% increase that we cannot bear. Result - no gas sold by Southwest Gas to Agricultural G-80.

As we understand the current tariff of .3956 is good until May 2001. The docket proposed makes up increase in gas cost for gas use during September through November 2000. However, agriculture does not use gas during those months. Our historical use is March through August. We should not have to make up increase cost for a period that agriculture did not use gas.

In the summer months gas cost is historically lower. We help Southwest Gas system operation by using gas during these low use months. We should not be penalized for gas used during winter months. We feel that an increase in gas cost should only be from June through August 2001.

We understand an increase in gas cost is imminent by increase during the summer months should not reflect a 60% increase.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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We, the undersigned, protest docket number G-01551A-01-0060.

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